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SUBJ: PRIME MINISTER AND FONMIN COMMENTS: ON KOREAS AND
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SUMMARY: IN PUBLIC APPEARANCES JULY 31, BOTH PM MIKI AND
FONMIN MIYAZAWA TOOK GENERALLY STANDARD POSITIONS ON KOREAN
ISSUES. DISASSOCIATING HIMSELF SLIGHTLY FROM DIETMAN
UTSUNOMIYA, MIKI DENIED THAT HE WOULD ATTEMPT INTERMEDIARY
ROLE IN US-NK RELATIONS. IN OTHERWISE STANDARD RESPONSES
CONCERNING KOREAS, MIYAZAWA WAS QUOTED BY PRESS AS SAYING
UNILATERAL ENTRY IN UN BY ROK WOULD NOT BE CONSTRUCTIVE
DEVELOPMENT. FONOFF EXPLAINED STATEMENT WAS MISQUOTED BY
PRESS AND WAS MIYAZAWA'S ATTEMPT TO RETAIN SOME BALANCE
WITH DIETMEN AND PREVENT POLITICAL ROW ON EVE OF DEPARTURE
FOR US, BUT GOJ POLICY TOWARD ROK IS UNCHANGED. END
SUMMARY.

1. BOTH PM MIKI AND FONMIN MIYAZAWA PUBLICLY DISCUSSED
THEIR ATTITUDES JULY 31 ON KOREAS AND WASHINGTON SUMMIT.
IN TV INTERVIEW, PM MIKI DISASSOCIATED HIMSELF FROM DIETMAN
UTSUNOMIYA'S POSIIONS (REF A) AND SAID HE DID NOT INTEND
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TO ACT AS INTERMEDIARY TO HELP NK AND US CONCLUDE A PEACE

TREATY. MIKI SAID, "NEGOTIATIONS CONCERNING THE FATE OF TWO DIVIDED PEOPLES WILL NOT BEAR FRUIT IF THE TALKS ARE CONDUCTED OVER THE HEAD OF ONE PARTY CONCERNED (THE ROK)" "LESSON OF VIETNAM," SAID MIKI, " IS THE PRINCIPLE OF SELF-DETERMINATION." ON THE KOREAN PROBLEM, MIKI SAID "IMPORTANT THING IS WHAT JAPAN AND US SHOULD DO TO FORESTALL A SERIOUS MILITARY CONFLICT". HE ADDED IT NOT HIS INTENTION TO PROVIDE US WITH INFORMATION ABOUT KOREAN PENINSULA, BUT RATHER HIS ATTITUDE TOWARD SITUATION.

2. ON OTHER MATTERS, MIKI SAID COOPERATION BETWEEN US AND JAPAN SHOULD NOT BE LIMITED TO MILITARY SECURITY BUT SHOULD BE SOUGHT ALSO IN FOOD, ENERGY AND OTHER ECONOMIC FIELDS. ON A POSSIBLE VISIT TO CHINA AFTER RETURN FROM US, MIKI INDICATED HE DID NOT PLAN SUCH A TRIP BUT SAID HE WOULD NOT HESITATE TO GO IF VISIT SEEMED APPROPRIATE.

3. IN DIET INTERPELLATIONS ON RECENT "SETTLEMENT" WITH ROK OF KIM TAE-JUNG CASE, FONMIN MIYAZAWA GENERALLY HEWED TO A FAIRLY STANDARD LINE SUPPORTING PAST GOJ POSITIONS. HE SAID GOJ WOULD PROMOTE TRADE AND EXCHANGE OF VISITORS WITH NK, EXPRESSED HOPE DIALOGUE BETWEEN NK AND SK COULD RESUME, SAID HE HAD NO HAD NO INFORMATION ON KIM IL-SUNG'S "US-NK PEACE TREATY PROPOSAL", AND CALLED FOR BOTH KOREAS TO DEMONSTRATE THEIR "NO-INVASION" POLICIES BY ACTIONS NOT JUST WORDS.

4. CONTRASTING WITH STANDARD POSITIONS ON MOST KOREAN ISSUES, MIYAZAWA MADE RESPONSE TO QUESTION CONCERNING ROK APPLICATION FOR UN MEMBERSHIP WHICH WAS AMBIGUOUS AT BEST. PRESS REPORTED MIYAZAWA SAID UNILATERAL ADMISSION OF SOUTH KOREA TO UN WOULD NOT BE CONSTRUCTIVE TOWARD RESOLVING THE KOREAN PROBLEM AND BOTH NORTH AND SOUTH KOREA SHOULD BE ADMITTED AT SAME TIME. IN CLARIFICATION WE SOUGHT FROM FONOFF, UN POLITICAL DIV DEPDIR NAKAMOTO EXPLAINED THAT MIYAZAWA WAS INACCURATELY QUOTED. IN BUREAU ITSELF WAS STARTED BY REPORTS. NAMAMOTO GAVE FOLLOWING RENDITION OF WHAT MIYAZAWA SAID: "GOJ HOPED BOTH NORTH AND SOUTH KOREA WOULD ENTER UN. GOJ WAS STILL STUDYING QUESTION OF WHETHER UNILATERAL ENTRY OF ROK WOULD BE CONSTRUCTIVE STEP IN RESOLVING KOREAN PROBLEM". NAKAMOTO EXPLAINED CONFIDENTIAL

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THAT GOJ POLICY TOWARD THE KOREAS HAD NOT CHANGED. GOJ STRONGLY SUPPORTED ROK ENTRY EVEN IF NK MAINTAINED ITS OPPOSITION. NAKAMOTO SAID CABLE HAD BEEN CLEARED WITH FONMIN AND WOULD BE SENT TODAY INSTRUCTING GOJ UN DELEGATION TO "STRONGLY SUPPORT ROK APPLICATION" AND TO CONSULT WITH USDEL ON THE MATTER. NAKAMOTO SAID TONE OF MIYAZAWA'S REMARKS TO DIETMEN REFLECTED RECENT FLURRY OF ACTIVITY REGARDING NK, PARTICULARLY UTSUNOMIYA'S MISSION TO PYONGYANG. FONMIN

DID NOT WANT NEEDLESSLY TO OFFEND NK'S SENSITIVITIES AND WANTED TO MAINTAIN SOME "BLANACE" WHEN TALKING WITH KIETMEN TO AVERT MAJOR POLITICAL ROW ON EVE OF PM'S VISIT TO US. BUT, NAKAMOTO STRESSED, GOJ POLICY HAD NOT CHANGED.

5. NAKAMOTO TOLD EMBOFF HE WOULD ALSO LIKE TO REGISTER COMPLAINT. NEITHER USG NOR ROKG HAD CONSULTED GOJ ON ROK PLAN TO RESUBMIT APPLICATION TO ENTER UN. THREE DAYS PRIOR TO SUBMISSION OF APPLICATION AMB YASUKAWA ASKED USG FOR US POSITION AND WAS TOLD POSITION WAS NOT YET FINALIZED. WHEN ROK SUBMITTED APPLICATION, FONOFF WAS "ASTONISHED". DURING CALL BY ROK EMBASSY MINISTER YOON HA JONG JULY 31, UN BUREAU DIRGEN SUZUKI PROTESTED THIS FAILURE TO CONSULT. NAKAMOTO THEN EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR CLARIFICATION OF USG POSITION REGARDING KOREAN AND VIETNAM APPLICATIONS WHICH ASST SECY GAVE AMB YASUKAWA JULY31.

6. COMMENT: FONOFF, INCLUDING FONMIN MIYAZAWA, ARE FRANKLY UNCERTAIN EXACTLY WHERE PM MIKI STANDS ON KOREAN MATTERS, PARTICULARLY FOLLOWING THE UTSUNOMIYA RPISODE. MIYAZAWA'S LANGUAGE WITH DIET APPEARS TO US TO REPRESENT PHRASEOLOGY DESIGNED FOR POLITICAL PURPOSES RATHER THAN A CHANGE IN POLICY. WE DO NOT EXPECT ANY CHANGE IN GOJ SUPPORT FOR UNILATERAL ROK ENTRY INTO UN. SHOESMITH

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